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SUBJ: FAHMY VISIT TO MOSCOW; EGYPTIAN-SOVIET RELATIONS

1. SUMMARY: IN CONVERSATION WITH EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR KADER AT JANUARY 28 RECEPTION, HE CHARACTERIZED FAHMY VISIT AS PRIMARILY A FAMILIARIZATION TOUR. KADER SUGGESTED THAT ARAFAT REPRESENTS A MAJORITY OF PALESTINIANS AND IS RECOGNIZED BY ARAB GOVERNMENTS. THIS WOULD MAKE ARAFAT THE LOGICAL REPRESENTATIVE OF PALESTINIANS AT PEACE CONFERENCE IN GENEVA WHEN THE TIME IS RIPE FOR SUCH REPRESENTATION. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT SOVIETS HAVE SOME DOUBTS ABOUT CERTAIN EGYPTIAN POLICIES SUCH AS ASSOCIATION WITH WORLD BANK. END SUMMARY.

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2. IN CONVERSATION WITH EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR KADER AT AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION, HE CHARACTERIZED FAHMY VISIT AS "FAMILIARIZATION" TOUR SINCE THIS WAS FAHMY'S FIRST VISIT TO USSR AS FOREIGN MINISTER. WHEN I ASKED WHETHER HE DETECTED ANY SOVIET UNEASINESS OVER MANNER IN WHICH DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT WAS NEGOTIATED, KADER SAID GOE HAD KEPT SOVIETS INFORMED AND THAT HE PERSONALLY HAD SEEN GROMYKO TWICE TO GIVE SOVIETS FILL-IN ON NEGOTIATIONS. KADER ASSUMED THAT US HAD ALSO KEPT SOVIETS INFORMED, WHICH I CONFIRMED ON BASIS OF SECRETARY'S PUBLIC COMMENTS. KADER ADDED THAT GOE HAD ASSUMED THAT DISENGAGEMENT WAS AREA IN WHICH US COULD BE HELPFUL, AND THIS THIS ASSUMPTION TURNED OUT TO BE WELL FOUNDED. "LET THE SOVIETS BE HELPFUL WHERE THEY BELIEVED THEY CAN BE," IMPLYING THAT SOVIETS COULD BE OF ASSISTANCE IN BRINGING INFLUENCE TO BEAR ON SYRIANS, FOR EXAMPLE.

3. IN BRIEF DISCUSSION OF FUTRE ITEMS ON GENEVA AGENDA, PALESTINIAN QUESTIONS WAS RAISED. KADER EXPRESSED OPINION THAT THIS QUESTIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED AT AN APPROPRIATE POINT IN TIME. ON REPRESENTATION OF PALESTINIANS, HE ALLUDED TO FRENCH NEGOTIATION EXPERIENCE WITH ALGERIANS, NOTING THAT FRENCH FINALLY DECIDED TO NEGOTIATE WITH THOSE WHO REPRESENTED MAJORITY OF ALGERIANS. FROM ARAB POINT OF VIEW, ARAFAT REPRESENTS MAJORITY OF PALESTINIANS AND IS RECOGNIZED BY ARAB GOVERNMENTS.

4. WHEN I ALLUDED TO PRAVDA ARTICLE OF JANUARY 7 WHICH APPEARED TO BE CRITICAL OF SOME GOE DECISIONS ON INTERNAL MATTERS, KADER REPLIED THAT SOVIET IN PAST HAVE EXPRESSED DOUBTS, FOR EXAMPLE, ABOUT EGYPT'S ASSOCIATION WITH WORLD BANK. HE SUGGESTED THAT SOVIETS WERE TOLD THAT EGYPTIANS ASSOCIATION WITH WORLD BANK IS NOT TOO DISSIMILAR FROM USSR ASSOCIATION WITH CEMA-AFFILIATED INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION. IN ANY CASE, KADER ADDED, EGYPT WILL DEVELOP IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS OWN INTERNAL REQUIREMENTS AND TRADITIONS.

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